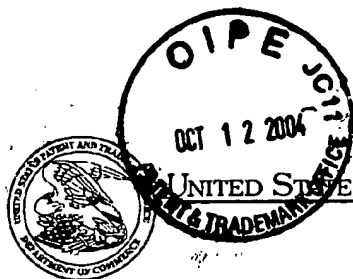


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 1-7.
- A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has been submitted. However, the content of the computer readable form does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.822 and/or 1.823, as indicated on the attached copy of the marked -up "Raw Sequence Listing." Applicant must provide a substitute computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d).

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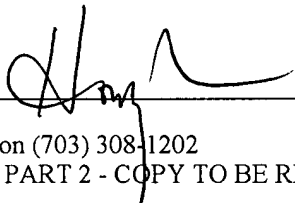
SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity

- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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Serial No.: 10/803,648
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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts mailed September 23, 2004;
2. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts- Part 2;
3. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
4. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) and (g);
5. Paper Copy of Sequence Listing;
6. Computer Readable copy of Sequence Listing;
7. Replacement Drawings (7 Sheets);
8. Part 2 – Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts; and
9. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 4231/2053E. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
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Sir:

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1. The Notice states that the Declaration is missing.

An executed Declaration/Power of Attorney is enclosed.

2. The Notice states that the \$65.00 surcharge for late filing fee for declaration is missing.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 16-0085, Reference Number 4231/2053E, for the \$65.00 surcharge for late filing fee for the declaration.

3. The Notice states that substitute drawings are required because the informal drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alternation, overwriting, interlineations, folds and copy marks.

Replacement Formal drawings, reasonably free from erasures and free from alternation, overwriting, interlineations, folds and copy marks are submitted herewith.

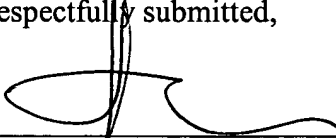
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A computer readable form of the Sequence Listing is enclosed and a Statement under 37. CFR 1.821(f) and 1.821(g) is enclosed.

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